

Monarch, another killed as armed herders invade Otukpo again



Murdered District Head of Odugbeho, Chief Anthony Adejoh

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Makurdi—District Head of Odugbeho, in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State, Chief Anthony Adejoh, has been murdered by suspected armed herdsmen.

Reports have it that the royal father and one Jerry John were gruesomely murdered, on Wednesday afternoon, by the invading herders at Otobi-Akpa, in Otukpo LGA.

The duo were said to be working in their farms in Otobi when the marauders stormed the area and opened fire on them.

They were later discovered dead when the people who heard the sound of gunshots dashed to the scene and found them dead.

Confirming the development, the Chairman of Agatu LGA, Mr Marvis Ejeh, said Chief Adejo was gruesomely killed in his farm at Akpa-Otobi by armed herders who invaded the area at about 10am.

He described the late royal father as a peace builder, an astute community builder and a community leader who would be greatly missed by all.

The Chairman said “I can confirm to you that the district head of Odugbeho Chief Tony Adejo has been killed. He was killed by some armed herdsmen while working on his farm at Otobi in Otukpo LG, of the State.

“Despite hearing this ugly news, Odugbeho community is calm, our people are calm because we will not take laws into our hands.

“Nobody is taking law into his hand, there is no need for reprisal attack because the incident did not happened at home. Agatu is calm and peaceful.”

The Agatu Chairman who enjoined the people to be security conscious wherever they find themselves said “Agatu people residing and farming in other LGAs should be careful and watchful.

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“They should liaise with the local authority and know the areas that are safe to work for now since the government is trying to curb the issue of insecurity in the entire Benue South District or Zone c.”

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Chief Superintendent, CSP, Chatherine Anene said she had yet received reports of the incident.